

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

CONGRATULATING THE PEOPLE OF TAIWAN

HON. TOM LANTOS

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 20, 2003

Mr. LANTOS. Mr. Speaker, on the occasion of the national day of the Republic of China on Taiwan, I extend to the government and people my warmest congratulations and best wishes on this important occasion.

Mr. Speaker, over the past half century Taiwan has become an outpost of democracy in East Asia, and its business community has created a robust and innovative economy. Taiwan's political and economic development is a shining example of East Asia's extraordinary potential.

Under outstanding leaders, Taiwan has shown the desire and the ability to play an increasingly important role on the international stage. As my colleagues know, I have strongly supported the vigorous participation of the government and people of Taiwan in the international community. I support and encourage Taiwan to continue to work for full participation in international organizations such as the World Health Organization and other United Nations institutions.

Mr. Speaker, during over fifty years of co-operation between the United States and Taiwan, we have become valuable allies and friends. In recent years Taiwan has proven to be a consistent champion of human rights, environmental responsibility, and democracy. I particularly applaud Taiwan for its support of the United States in our war against global terrorism and for Taiwan's pledge of humanitarian assistance to Afghanistan and Iraq.

Mr. Speaker, I congratulate our friends, the people of Taiwan and the government of the Republic of China on Taiwan on this national day. We all wish them a future of continued prosperity, peace, freedom, and democracy.

HONORING JAMES W. HEAD

HON. BARBARA LEE

OF CALIFORNIA

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Ms. LEE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor James W. Head on the occasion of his retirement as President of the National Economic Development & Law Center (NEDLC). James has provided creative leadership and inspired vision for seventeen years. He leaves behind an organization that is nationally recognized for its success in creating strategies to address the economic and social conditions of low income and communities of color.

James is a pioneer in the community economic development (CED) movement. Along with being NEDLC's longest serving President, he served on the Board of Directors of the National Congress for Community Economic De-

velopment and led the formation and served on the Board of Directors of the California Community Economic Development Association, it's California statewide affiliate. During his tenure, the CED movement grew to encompass over 3,000 organizations.

Additionally, Mr. Head was instrumental in the expansion of the number of federally-funded legal services programs that provide CED representation and the formation and support of CED pro bono legal services within the private bar. He has also trained hundreds of law students in CED, and led the formation of numerous law school CED clinics and courses.

Within his field, James is a national leader in developing new strategies for securing jobs for disadvantaged persons. He promoted the sector concept, which links low-income and communities of color with regional labor markets. Under his leadership, the National Network of Sector Partners, an association of over 150 sector practitioners, was founded. Sector initiatives are being used by public agencies, community groups and Workforce Investment Boards across the county. As well, James is recognized for his work in developing new tools for investment in low-income communities. He played a key role in the creation of the Community Capital Investment Initiative, a model program that will result in the investment of millions of dollars in the San Francisco Bay Area's poorest communities.

Lastly, I would like to applaud Mr. Head for his efforts to promote the Community Reinvestment Act of 1977 as a tool for bringing new financial resources to impoverished communities. James chaired the Consumer Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Board, promoting community banking and helping leaders understand the potential market in low-income areas. He served on the Board of Directors of the California Reinvestment Committee, a statewide advocacy organization that holds financial institutions accountable for meeting the banking needs of low-income communities.

On behalf of the 9th Congressional District of California, I take great pride in joining his friends and colleagues to salute an extraordinary leader, James W. Head.

CELEBRATING THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF PAUL VI CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

HON. TOM DAVIS

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia. Mr. Speaker, I would like to honor the 20th anniversary of Paul VI Catholic High School on October 12, 2003.

Since opening in September 1983, Paul VI has been committed to graduating well-educated, responsible, and moral young adults. The Diocese of Arlington purchased the old 1934 Fairfax High School building to be ad-

ministered by the Oblates of St. Francis de Sales according to the teachings of the Gospel of St. Francis de Sales. Paul VI quickly established an excellent academic reputation, helping it grow to its 1,200-student capacity; yet it is especially important to note that the school's mission extends far beyond academia. Faith, outreach, and extracurricular activity also have helped make Paul VI a unique, popular, and admired school community.

Spiritually, students are supported by an active Campus Ministry program which offers Masses, liturgies, and retreats, as well as opportunities for students to meet in healthy social situations. As many as 100 students a year have signed up to be part of the Campus Ministry Team, known for planning activities such as World Hunger Day in order to better empathize with others.

Service plays an equally large role at Paul VI. In 1999, the school was recognized as one of only three Virginia Service Learning Leader Schools. Freshmen and sophomores are required to donate time to helping their school, parish, or community. Juniors and seniors must choose a volunteer project of direct service to the poor, homeless, elderly, or disadvantaged. In addition, senior government classes encourage students to volunteer for political candidates and become responsible American citizens.

Paul VI also has taken a leading role nationally as one of the first three Catholic schools in the nation with a program of modified inclusion for developmentally disabled high school students. Through another unique program, Paul VI students became the first high school students ever allowed to work with hospice patients in the Washington, DC, area. In a pilot program run by Hospice of Northern Virginia, seniors taking the Paul VI Death and Dying class are paired with Hospice patients to establish relationships and compile life histories for patients and their families.

Many clubs, sports teams and student organizations add yet another dimension to life at Paul VI. The school newspaper, yearbook, and literary magazine are rated in top categories among scholastic publications. Paul VI offers a successful athletic program with a number of sports teams and an extensive intramural program. Both girls and boys cross-country teams have won state championships; girls volleyball won the Washington Catholic Athletic Conference championships the past 4 years, and boys basketball won the WCAC title in 2003. Students at Paul VI also select a different charity each year to support. Their pledges greatly have helped organizations such as the Hospice of Northern Virginia, the Northern Virginia Training Center, and the American Heart Association.

Mr. Speaker, in closing, I would like to congratulate Paul VI Catholic High School on 20 years of excellence. With its alumni spanning the far corners of the world involved in the Peace Corps and armed services and holding a variety of other noble positions, Paul VI seems to be living out the words of its patron, Saint Francis de Sales, "Do Ordinary Things

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